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**Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee**

Legislative Office Building, Room 3700  
Hartford, CT 06106

Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

**I OPPOSE CT House Bill No. 5653, An Act Establishing an Excise Tax on Ammunition.**

The proposed excise tax on the sale of ammunition will harm lawful gun owners across the State. Most hurt would be lower income citizens living in high crime areas.

This tax would do nothing more than punish legal gun ownership and make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families.

Connecticut already spends millions of dollars each year on education. That's the money we should use to intervene through education that will help prevent gun violence in communities throughout the state.

Please do not put a burden on our constitutional right to self-protection.

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Sincerely,

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